

**THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND OPENNESS  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**ACTIONS FOR  
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**COMMITTEE ROOM (12TH FLOOR), CITY ADMINISTRATION  
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COUNCIL COMMENT: Councilmember Maienschein:

Pointed out that the June 13, 2005, minutes contained an error indicating the approval of the May 2, 2005, GE&O minutes by common consent and asked that this line from the minutes be deleted. He requested that the GE&O Committee consider docketing the issue of the proper procedures for writing and approving meeting minutes for all city boards and committees.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENT:

ACTION: None received.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

ACTION: None received.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Carolyn Chase, City of San Diego Planning Commissioner:

Stated that city staff needs to consistently be truthful to the public and elected officials.

ADOPTION AGENDA

Approval of the Record of Action Items for June 13, 2005.

Public Comment: None received

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Maienschein, second by Councilmember Atkins to adopt the June 13, 2005, minutes, with the deletion of the following text: "*Approved by common consent.*"

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea, Atkins-yea, Maienschein-yea

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ITEM-1:      Review of CHARTER SECTION 225.

Public Comment Received by: Carolyn Chase, City of San Diego Planning Commissioner:

Stated that the City Attorney's office is too liberal with stamping public documents as confidential or attorney-client privilege. She also stated that mandatory disclosure requirements need to be enforced and handled by city staff. Ms. Chase noted that the City Attorney needed to reconcile the differing opinions contained in the June 15, 2005, memorandum to the Planning Commission and the June 20, 2005, memorandum to the GE&O Committee regarding mandatory disclosure policy.

Public Comment Received by: Bruce Henderson, Association of Concerned Taxpayers:

Stated that Charter Section 225 is important because the public must be informed regarding any public officials conflict of interest. The City should avoid doing business with people who have troubling backgrounds. Charter Section 225 forces the appropriate disclosures to be made that clearly identifies any conflicts of interest on behalf of public officials. Mr. Henderson believes Charter Section 225 must be enforced through the adoption of proper city codes. He referred to various documents and newspaper articles that he provided to the committee members and the public.

ACTION:      Motion by Councilmember Atkins, second by Councilmember Maienschein to:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance enforcing City Charter Section 225 that would serve as a uniform council policy applying to all boards and commissions throughout the City;
2. Direct the City Attorney to form a working group, consisting of staff from the offices of the City Attorney, City Manager, City Auditor and City Clerk, to discuss and bring forward recommendations to the GE&O Committee on specific disclosure limits;
3. Direct the City Attorney to reconcile the differing opinions contained in the June 15, 2005, memorandum to the Planning Commission, and the June 20, 2005, memorandum to the GE&O Committee regarding mandatory disclosure policy;
4. Direct the City Attorney to provide an analysis of the public's ability to request disclosure information per the requirements contained in the City Charter;

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5. Direct the City Attorney to return with a report regarding how City Councilmembers should properly disclose campaign contributions in relation to City Council votes;
6. Direct the City Attorney to bring forward draft language establishing the thresholds of financial interest for financial disclosures to be provided, based on the recommendations contained in the June 20, 2005, City Attorney report to the GE&O committee.

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea, Atkins-yea, Maienschein-yea

ITEM-2: Follow-up Report on CHARTER SECTION 42 and DRAFT REVISION TO COUNCIL POLICY 000-13 (Mayor and Council Appointments).

Public Comment: None Received

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Atkins, second by Councilmember Maienschein to:

1. Forward the draft revisions to Council Policy 000-13 to City Council for adoption;
2. Direct the City Attorney to return with a report pertaining to the items directly dealing with the Planning Commission referred to in the follow-up report on Charter Section 42 within 45 days.

VOTE: 3-0; Frye-yea, Atkins-yea, Maienschein-yea

Donna Frye  
Chair